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Letter dated 27 July 2012 from the Permanent Representative of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Further to our letter dated 27 June 2012 (S/2012/498), by which we informed the Security Council about the acceptance by the Government of the Sudan of the tripartite proposal regarding the channelling of relief materials to the affected population in the two States of South Kordofan and Blue Nile, I have further the honour to reiterate the Government of the Sudan's acceptance of the aforementioned initiative.

It is worth clarifying that the Government of the Sudan, as we indicated in our previous letter, has embarked, in close consultations with the partners, on working out an operational workplan regarding the channelling of relief materials to those areas. In this regard, I have the pleasure to enclose herewith a copy of the letter dated 12 July 2012 addressed to me by the Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, Ms. Valerie Amos, in which she welcomed the acceptance by the Government of the Sudan of the tripartite proposal, and reaffirmed the United Nations commitment to work in close coordination with the Government of the Sudan to provide humanitarian assistance.

I should be grateful if you would circulate the present letter as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Daffa-Alla Elhag Ali **Osman**
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Thank you for your letter of 27 June 2012 informing me of your Government's acceptance of the joint African Union/League of Arab States/United Nations proposal for access to provide and deliver humanitarian assistance to war-affected civilians in South Kordofan and Blue Nile States (the proposal), as well as the copy of the African Union press release on the tripartite proposal.

I welcome the acceptance of the proposal and reaffirm the commitment of the United Nations and its partners to work in close coordination with your Government to provide humanitarian assistance to all those affected by the conflict, without discrimination and in accordance with the humanitarian principles of independence, neutrality and impartiality.

As stressed by the Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union, Mr. Jean Ping, in his statement of 29 June, it is critical that the proposal be effectively and fully implemented without further delay. Last week, the United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator for the Sudan, Mr. Ali Al-Zatari, sought a meeting with the Humanitarian Aid Commission and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to finalize the timeline and modalities for the delivery of assistance. Given the urgency of the situation, I trust that your Government will grant Mr. Al-Zatari a meeting immediately.

(*Signed*) Valerie **Amos**
Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs
and Emergency Relief Coordinator